**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH**
**ABSTRACT**

Public Services – Revenue Department - Chittoor District – Sri M.D. Gurumurthy Reddy, formerly Deputy Tahsildar (Superintendent), O/o District Minorities Welfare Officer, Chittoor – Unauthorizedly absented for duty from 01.12.2014 – Dereliction of duties – Departmental proceedings under Rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC&A) Rules, 1991 – Articles of charge – Issued – explanation received –Regular enquiry ordered-Inquiry report received –Communicated- Explanation received- Examined-Disciplinary proceedings concluded-Orders-Issued.

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**REVENUE (VIGILANCE-III) DEPARTMENT**

**G.O.Rt.No.886** **Dated:21-08-2019**

**Read the following:-**

1. From the District Collector, Chittoor Lr.No. SEC0PT(DT)/13/2016/A2, dt.20.10.2017.
2. Representation of Sri M.D. Gurumurthy Reddy, Tahsildar (Retired), dt.nil.
3. G.O.Rt.No.190, Revenue (Vigilance-II) Department, dated:02.02.2018.
4. Govt., Memo.No.18023/37/2017-Vig.III, dated:01.02.2018
5. From the District Collector, Chittoor Lr.No.ASEC0PT(DT)/13/2016/A2, dt.17.05.2018.
6. Inquiry report dated:28.04.2018 of the DRO, Chittoor.
7. Explanation of Sri M.D. Gurumurthy Reddy, Tahsildar (Retired), dt.31.07.2018.

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**ORDER**

Whereas in the reference 1st read above, the District Collector, Chittoor while forwarding copies of Charge memo and explanation of the Charged officer, has informed that a charge memo was issued to Sri M.D. Gurumurthy Reddy, formerly Tahsildar, Baireddipalle (retired on 30.06.2017), as he has stayed away from duty 01.12.2014 and requested to take further necessary action as the Charged Officer retired from service and Government alone is competent authority. The details of charge is detailed below:

**Charge:-**

That Sri M.D. Gurumurty Reddy, formerly Deputy Tahsildar (Superintendent) O/o District Minorities Welfare Officer, Chittoor has been transferred and posted as Special Deputy Tahsildar, Office of SDC(LA), GNSS Unit – II, Puttur vide Collector's proceedings in Roc.A1(6572/DTs)/2014 Dated.22-11-2014. The individual has been relieved on the FN of 01-12-2014 vide proceedings in ROC.No.A/13/DMWO /CTR/2014, Dt 01-12-2014 of the District Minorities Welfare Officer, Chittoor. But the individual has not joined at new station and his whereabouts is not known to this office.

Thus, he being a responsible Government Servant has unauthorizedly absented for duty without prior intimation / permission from 01.12.2014 to till to date, thereby causing much inconvenience to the administration. This shows his gross negligence in discharging his legitimate duties, which constitutes a clear violation of Rule 3 (1) (2) (3) of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

2. And whereas Government after careful examination of the matter observed that the Charged Officer has applied leave only for 90 days from 1-12-2014 to 28-02-2015 on medical grounds and then there is no intimation for further period. The Charged Officer has never mentioned the further absence in his Written Statement of Defence and decided to order a regular enquiry by appointing the Inquiring Authority and Presenting Officer under Rule 20 of Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control & Appeal) Rules 1991 as Written Statement of Defence

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submitted by the Charged Officer is not convincing. Accordingly, vide reference 3rd read above, the District Revenue Officer, Chittoor was appointed as Inquiring Authority to enquire into the charges framed against Sri M.D. Gurumurthy Reddy, formerly Deputy Tahsildar (Superintendent), O/o District Minorities Welfare Officer, Chittoor (now retired) and the Revenue Divisional Officer, Chittoor was appointed as Presenting Officer to present the case on behalf of the Disciplinary Authority in support of the Articles of Charge framed against the above said Officer vide reference 4th read above.

3. Whereas, in the reference 5th read above, the District Collector, Chittoor has forwarded the Inquiry report submitted by the Inquiring authority, vide reference 6th read above, wherein it was revealed that the applicant suffered with eye problem (low vision) and unable to discharge his duties. But, he has not informed the higher authorities about his health problem and obtained prior permission before going on leave. Thus, he has failed to inform / apply for leave for the period from 01.03.2015 to 27.02.2017, which shows negligence towards official duties. And hence, the charge framed against the charged Officer is held proved.

4. And whereas, Government, after careful examination of the matter, decided to drop further action against Sri M.D. Gurumurthy Reddy, formerly Deputy Tahsildar (Superintendent), O/o District Minorities Welfare Officer, Chittoor (Now retired) on health grounds(suffering with eye problem i.e., low vision) and to sanction the period of absence from 01-12-2014 to 27-02-2017 as eligible admissible leave. Accordingly, Government hereby order to drop further action against the Charged Officer Sri M.D. Gurumurthy Reddy, formerly Deputy Tahsildar (Superintendent), O/o District Minorities Welfare Officer, Chittoor (Now retired) duly exonerating him from the charges and to sanction the period of absence from 01.12.2014 and 27.02.2017 as eligible admissible leave.

5. The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh/the Collector and District Magistrate, Chittoor shall take necessary action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

**MANMOHAN SINGH**
**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To
Sri M.D. Gurumurthy Reddy, formerly Deputy Tahsildar (Superintendent),
O/o District Minorities Welfare Officer, Chittoor (retired as Tahsildar)
(through the District Collector, Chittoor)
The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, Andhra Pradesh, Vijayawada.
The Collector and District Magistrate, Chittoor (with a request to serve the G.O. on the individual and send the served copy with dated signature to the Government for record)
Sf/Sc.

**//FORWARDED BY ORDER//**

**SECTION OFFICER**